

PORTFIELD SCHOOL & SATELLITE CENTRES



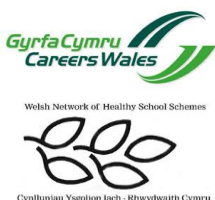
POLICY DOCUMENT FOR STORAGE, HANDLING, USE, RETENTION & DISPOSAL OF DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE (DBS)



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Portfield School adopts the LEA guidance on:-

Storage, Handling, Use, Retention & Disposal of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Signed (Chair of Governors)

Signed(Headteacher)

Date

Portfield School Mission Statement

Working together Learning together Achieving together

At Portfield School we strive to

- Create a happy, safe, supportive and stimulating learning environment
- Value everyone
- Develop everyone's personal, social, emotional health and wellbeing
- Promote relevant academic and vocational skills
- Meet individual needs through an imaginative and flexible approach
- Enable all learners to achieve their full potential

UNCRC United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

- Portfield School places the values and principles of the UNCRC at the heart of all policies and practices
- Portfield School is a Rights Respecting School

**POLICY STATEMENT
ON THE SECURE STORAGE, HANDLING, USE, RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF
DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE (DBS)
CERTIFICATES AND CERTIFICATE INFORMATION**

1. **General principles**

As an organisation using the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checking service to help assess the suitability of applicants for positions of trust, Pembrokeshire County Council complies fully with the Code of Practice regarding the correct handling, use, storage, retention and disposal of certificates and certificate information. It also complies fully with its obligations under the Data Protection Act and other relevant legislation pertaining to the safe handling, use, storage, retention and disposal of certificate information and has a written policy on these matters, which is available to those who wish to see it on request.

2. **Storage and access**

Certificate information is never kept on an applicant's personnel file and is always kept separately and securely, in lockable, non-portable, storage containers with access strictly controlled and limited to those who are entitled to see it as part of their duties.

3. **Handling**

In accordance with section 124 of the Police Act 1997, certificate information is only passed to those who are authorised to receive it in the course of their duties. We maintain a record of all those to whom Disclosures or Disclosure information has been revealed and we recognise that it is a **criminal offence** to pass this information to anyone who is not entitled to receive it.

4. **Usage**

Certificate information is only used for the specific purpose for which it was requested and for which the applicant's full consent has been given.

5. **Retention**

Once a recruitment (or other relevant) decision has been made, we do not keep certificate information for any longer than is necessary. This is generally for a period of **up to six months**, to allow for the consideration and resolution of any disputes or complaints. If, in very exceptional circumstances, it is considered necessary to keep certificate information for longer than six months, we will consult the DBS about this and will give full consideration to the Data Protection and Human Rights of the individual before doing so. Throughout this time, the usual conditions regarding safe storage and strictly controlled access will prevail.

6. **Disposal**

Once the retention period has elapsed, we will ensure that any DBS certificate information is immediately suitably destroyed by secure means, i.e. by shredding, pulping or burning. While awaiting destruction, certificate information will not be kept in any insecure receptacle (eg waste bin or confidential waste sack). We will not keep any photocopy or other image of the certificate or any copy or representation of the contents of a certificate. However, notwithstanding the above, we may keep a record of the date of issue of a certificate, the name of the subject, the type of certificate requested, the position for which the certificate was requested, the unique reference number of the certificates and the details of the recruitment decision taken.

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